

Students Nova Scotia	Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Meeting Name:	Board Meeting
Meeting Date:	August 16, 2023
Meeting Time:	3:00 PM ADT
Venue:	Zoom
City:	Halifax
Attendees	
Primary Delegates	ASU: Benjamin Morris CBUSU: Gideon Osaro Otoibhi StFXSU: Sophia Fabiano SMUSA: Regrets
Secondary Delegates	ASU: Sam Taylor CBUSU: Sahilpreet Singh Chatha StFXSU: Regrets SMUSA: Regrets
Other	Chair: Matt Doyle Vice-Chair: Sadie McAlear Executive Director: Georgia Saleski Policy and Research Officer: Brendan Roberts

Meeting Minutes

Students Nova Scotia Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 16th, 2023

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. ADT

Via Zoom (Click [here](#))

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

Roll Call

- Acadia Students' Union
- Cape Breton University Students' Union
- St. Francis Xavier University Students' Union
- Saint Mary's University Students' Association

Call to Order : 3:14PM ADT

Approval of the Agenda Vote: Passed Moved: StFXSU Seconded: CBUSU

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL

1) Approval of Minutes

a) **Overview:**

b) **Approval Items:** Be it resolved that the Board approve the minutes of July 12th

c) **Reference Items:** July 12th Minutes

d) **Vote:** Passed Moved: StFXSU Seconded: ASU

2) Important Upcoming Dates

a) **Overview:** Executive Director

b) **Discussion Items:**

Reminder for upcoming dates:

- 1) Members should fill out poll for Fall meeting time as soon as possible
- 2) Proposed date for 2023 Advocacy Week is November 13th - 17th. All Board members are expected to attend Advocacy Week.
- 3) The Executive Director will be attending campus club/society fairs and has connected with VP's from member schools to solidify dates. Would like to



organize swag from each school to have a draw at each institution in hopes of increasing student engagement with StudentsNS and our newsletter/social media platforms

c) Reference Items:

3) Policy and Research & Campaigns and Communications Officers

a) Overview: Executive Director

b) Discussion Items:

Hiring for a new Policy and Research Analyst has commenced and a post has been made for this position. Four or five applications have already been received. Deadline closes August 25th. Also looking to hire a Campaign and Communications Officer as we have the availability in the budget. Will continue discussion on this idea.

c) Reference Items:

REPORTS

1) Reports of the Officers

a) Chair

Met with Mitch Archibald for governance support and supporting governance committee. Just came back from vacation.

b) Vice Chair

Had a good debrief meeting with the Executive team regarding Annual Planning/AGM Conference and feels good about the priorities agreed upon and is excited to start working on the recommendations document in preparation for Advocacy Week.

2) Campus Reports

a) Acadia Student's Union

Getting set up for Orientation Week and having conversations with individuals across campus to collaborate on programming for students throughout the year.

b) Cape Breton University Students' Union



Getting ready for Welcome Week and are excited, have had staff on vacation over the past two weeks. Will be getting their second van and are happy to have that coming through.

c) St. Francis Xavier University Student's Union

Prepping for students to return to campus and just came back from their Annual Planning Retreat as a team. Matt and Sophia will be meeting with the town of Antigonish to discuss possible implementation of a Nuisance Party Bylaw that is very anti-student and they are connecting with other schools who have this regulation in their own municipalities.

d) Saint. Mary's University Students' Association

No update.

3) Committee Reports

a) Governance Committee

No update.

b) Membership Committee

Emailed with the ED to discuss merch for StudentsNS and hoping to book the next membership committee meeting for August, as well as looking to solidify a regular fall meeting time for the committee.

c) Policy Committee

Committee work plan was approved at AGM and have not met with the committee since AGM. Meeting with Matt tomorrow to plan the next Policy Committee meeting.

4) Staff Reports

a) Policy and Research Analyst

Social barriers policy is almost done and reviewed. Financial policy briefing note is almost done as well as the housing briefing note. Working with the ED to discuss potential fee models that StudentsNS could explore based on membership expansion in the future.



b) Executive Director

Who Goes Who Pays two-part report was released this week and a press release went out alongside. Conversations around student housing have been very popular as of lately. Information on fee structure will come to the Governance committee and the Board as discussions continue to be had.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT: 3:46 PM

Vote: Passed Moved: StFXSU Seconded: CBUSU